

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rod Tam, Chair, Romy Cachola, Vice-Chair
Nestor R. Garcia, Ann H. Kobayashi, Gary Okino, members

Committee Meeting Held
June 22, 2005

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Works and Economic Development, to which was referred Resolution 05-199, entitled:

**"RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO
ENCOURAGE RECYCLING FOR BOTH FUNDRAISING AND TO ENCOURAGE
STUDENTS TO RECYCLE,"**

reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to encourage recycling as both a fundraising mechanism for the schools and an educational tool to encourage students to recycle at school and at home.

A CD1 was proposed to correct the word RECYCLING to RECYCLING in the Resolution title, HEATH to HEALTH in the first paragraph and SCARE to SCARCE in the fifth paragraph.

The Director of the Department of Environmental Services testified in support of the Resolution. The Director also indicated he had already spoken to the DOE and that the Mayor had spoken to the Superintendent of the Department of Education on expanding the recycling programs within the public schools.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **309**

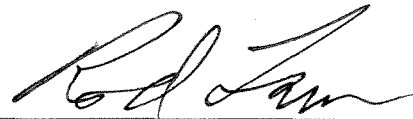
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Your Committee on Public Works and Economic Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 05-199, as amended herein in the form attached hereto, as Resolution 05-199, CD1 and recommends that it be adopted. (Ayes: Tam, Garcia, Kobayashi, Okino - 4; Noes: None; Excused: Cachola - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ADOPTED ON JUL 06 2005

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 309



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING FOR BOTH FUNDRAISING AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO RECYCLE.

WHEREAS, according to the State Department of Health, nearly 800 million beverage containers are sold in Hawaii each year, the majority of which are discarded in the waste stream or as litter in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to beverage containers, our residents acquire substantial quantities of paper and other recyclable materials, large amounts of which are also discarded in the waste stream, or as litter which is unsightly and costly to clean up; and

WHEREAS, over and above existing disposal and diversion strategies currently being used in the City to handle these items, the vast quantity and variety of recyclables generated in the City provide a major opportunity for Oahu's public schools to use recycling as a fundraising mechanism capable of generating substantial revenues; and

WHEREAS, educational, school site-specific recycling programs, in which bins are placed in convenient places within the school for the deposit of recyclables, involve all school students and staff in daily recycling and offer the advantage of revenue-raising potential; and

WHEREAS, even more importantly, the sustained, long term success of recycling on Oahu, and the diversion of recyclables from scarce landfill space, will depend on extending these individual school efforts to educating the entire public on the principle of recycling as a citizen obligation and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is gradually becoming common knowledge that recyclable items are commodities of significant commercial value, knowledge which can justify schools serving as recycling centers or community collection points at which students, parents and other local residents, regardless of whether they have children attending public schools, can drop off recyclables at the school on a permanent basis, with the revenues generated going to the school; and

WHEREAS, if every household were to take their recyclables to a nearby school recycling center of choice, it may minimize the need for and cost of a City-subsidized curbside recycling program; and

Attachment to CR-309



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, establishing a recycling program at the public schools as envisioned in this Resolution will require a comprehensive programmatic and logistical planning effort, especially involving the recycling industry which would handle the recycled commodities at the end, to provide an implementation-ready program to the schools that lifts the planning and logistical burdens from the schools; and

WHEREAS, among the logistical challenges that the schools will require assistance to resolve include, but are not limited to, recycling center cleaning and maintenance, the acquisition, and the safe and convenient placement, of recycling bins, the possibility of collecting and processing of higher value recyclable commodities at the initial stages of the program, storage space, and the scheduling of pick-up by the recycling companies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Board of Education, Department of Education, and Department of Health, State of Hawaii, the Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu, representatives of the recycling industry, and the Hawaii State Student Council to collaborate on a program for public schools to encourage recycling as both a fundraising mechanism for the schools and an educational tool to encourage students to recycle at school and at home; and



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No. 05-199, CD1

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to representatives of the recycling industry doing business in the City, the Hawaii State Student Council, the Chair of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, and the Director of Health, State of Hawaii, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu, the Governor and the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Charles Djou

Ann Kobayashi

Romy M. Cachola

Todd Apo

Nestor Garcia

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

May 25, 2005

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers